

I am in favor of Docket No. NHTSA-2002-12065. I have spoken with several other agencies using the vests and have seen them in use and I feel that it is a good restraint for a school bus. We currently have 200 of the cam harnesses and we will be using them in January 2002. I have seen them in use and they provide an excellent safety system for the children. Children under 40 pounds will be placed in car seats. We are currently using 22 passenger buses and we do not have enough seats on our bus to use the tethering straps and still transport the number of children that we do. By not having this option it will force us to cut back on transportation which in turn puts our children more at risk in passenger cars getting to and from school. We are already equipped with lap belts for each passenger/car seat. I have am a strong believer that the current interim ruling will provide the protection our preschoolers need on the bus and we will meet all Head Start Transportation Regulations. Please pass this final ruling. Thank You, Kathy Potts, Transportation Coordinator, SCCAP Head Start.